GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:191
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DIRECT AIR LINKS FROM EUROPE AND GULF REGION
N.N. KRISHNADAS

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation from the Governmment of Kerala requesting forstarting of direct air service from Europe and Gulf Region to the State; and

(b) if so the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b)&(c): Government of Kerala have requested the Government of India toconsider the requests of various foreign airlines to operate services to/from Cochin internatioinal Airport. Out of the 9 airlines namely Oman Air, Kuwait Airways, Gulf Air, Sri Lankan Airlines, Qatar Airways, Emirates,Saudia, Singapore Airlines and Yemen Airways, who have expressed interest to operate services to/from Cochin, the Government of India has agreed togrant Cochin as a point of call in lieu of Chennai to Saudia as requested by them. A commitment has also been given to grant Trivandrum or Cochin as a point of call to Emirates by September 2002.Cochin has also been offered as a point of call to the designated airlines of Oman, Kuwait and Yemen subjet to a commercial agreement with the designated airline of India.